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In re Patent Application of:  
Hideshi Morii et al.

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For: OIL PAN STRUCTURE FOR FOUR-CYCLE  
ENGINE

Examiner: D. M. Fenstermacher

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.